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Welcome to the July 2004 edition. I extend a special welcome any new subscribers to the Newsletter. As usual, your contributions, as well as your comments, are always appreciated. I'd also like to extend a belated happy Canada Day to all our Canadian subscribers and a happy Independence Day to our U.S. subscribers.

Our Monthly Special Zone for July is empty this time around with mid-summer being a somewhat quiet period. You will find a list of other special events during the month of July listed in The July Zone.

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THE MONTHLY SURVEY

Our question from last month dealt with reliable news sources. The question was: "Which source of news do you personally find to be the most accurate and reliable?"

I received 19 responses, with not a wide variety of responses. Here are those receiving multiple votes.

BBC 8 votes
CNN 4 votes
CBC Radio 3 votes

THIS MONTH'S SURVEY

Let's fantasize a little this month. There are probably a number of different things that you would hope to do in your life before moving on from this world. Let's pretend that you could transport yourself anywhere on the planet, at any time, into the future, to participate in a major world event. Maybe you would want a seat on the 50-yard line at a Superbowl; or centre court at the Wimbledon championship; the Newport Jazz Festival; the Olympic Games; attend the New Orleans Mardi Gras, or any other world renowned event.

So, our question is "What world renowned event would you like to experience first hand?" Feel free to elaborate, and dream a little!

Please send your response, by e-mail, to
hfnewsletter@yahoo.com

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THE COMMENTS ZONE

Bruce Atchison, Calgary, AB: Thanks for the news letters too. They sure have some great links in them.

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THE CONTRIBUTORS ZONE

Thank you to our 8 contributors for the month of July! I know it is summer, but let's see if we can pick things up a little for the next issue. Please feel free to send along any web sites you feel would be of interest to our subscribers.

Helene Desrosiers-Gregoire, Ottawa, Ontario
Gilbert Fontaine, Sherbrooke, Quebec
Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec
Glenn Hauser, Enid, Oklahoma
Eddie Janusz, Stonington, New Jersey
Steve & Janice Karlock, Dorval, Quebec
Gilles Letourneau, Montreal, Quebec
Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia
Eric Wolfe, Lebanon, Pennsylvania
Yahoo Weekly Picks

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THE MONTHLY SPECIAL ZONE

Nothing of note this month.

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THE JULY ZONE

Here are some of the events taking place in July:

MONTHLY CELEBRATIONS
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Anti-Boredom Month
Cell Phone Courtesy Month
National Baked Beans Month
National Hot Dog Month
National Recreation and Parks Month

WEEKLY CELEBRATIONS
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4-10 Special Recreation Week
25-31 National Salad Week
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SPECIAL DAYS
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11- World Population Day
18 National Ice Cream Day
22 Rat-Catchers Day
25 Parents' Day
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ON THE LIGHTER SIDEÉ
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6 Take Your Webmaster to Lunch Day
28 National Drive-Thru DayÊ

Source: http://groups.ucanr.org/espanol/calendario/

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NEW ICOM IC-2200H 2m MOBILE

The Icom IC-2200H 2 meter FM mobile features a rugged design and an easy-to-read alphanumeric display. The displays may be set to green or amber. The receiver covers 118-174 MHz and the transmitter delivers 65, 25, 10 or 5 watts of output. The oversized tuning dial is easy to grab while on the move and the large 4-level backlit display clearly provides key information at a glance. Memory channels can be assigned names for easy recognition and easy access. The 2200H supports three different scan modes: Full Scan, Memory Scan, Programmed Scan and four scan resume conditions.
Other features include: 207 memories, alphanumeric notes, 3-way priority watch and independently programmable Rx/Tx and tone squelch. There is an external speaker jack on the rear panel. The IC-2200H is built rugged and has a convenient front mounted mic jack. The supplied HM-133V remote control mic controls everything in the palm of your hand. ICOM's exclusive Hot Keys lets you program the features that you use the most. The bigger backlit keys allow you to operate in low light conditions. Requires 13.8 VDC at 15 amps.

For more details, including specification on this radio, please visit:

http://www.icomamerica.com/amateur/2mmobile/ic2200hmain.asp

This radio and other fine Icom products are available from Radio HF. Please contact us for complete details on pricing and availability.

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THE RADIO ZONE

THE INTERNET RADIO PLAZA

http://www.webradiolist.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This site, with links to 1500+ internet radio services, lists internet radio, reviews internet radio ratings, and features an internet radio directory.

WHOLE WHEAT RADIO

http://www.wholewheatradio.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Whole Wheat Radio is an unpretentious, interactive, independent music world community originating from a cramped 12x12 cabin in Talkeetna, Alaska.Ê It's as close to Northern Exposure's funky radio station as you can get.ÊWe broadcast 24 hours/day, 7 days/week, 365 days/year with the help of our tireless DJs - human and otherwise.Ê We've been on-the-air since August of 2002 and have served up well over a million individual 'listens' to independent musicians' tunes.
We play indie music that adults like --- singer-songwriters, folk, blues, jazz, Celtic, world, protest, acoustic and folk-rock music.ÊWe have an irreverent sense of humor and strongly left-leaning political views.Ê We're not 'professional' broadcasters.Ê We frequently get silly and very un-adult-like on-the-air.Ê We call it 'fun'.

PUBLIC RADIO FAN

http://www.publicradiofan.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

PublicRadioFan.com features program listings for hundreds of public radio stations around the world. Follow the audio links to hear your favorite programs and discover new ones.

AM FM SHORTWAVE TV DX

http://shortwave.freehosting.net/

VIA Gilles Letourneau, Montreal, Quebec

This is my new site for promoting the radio hobby, especially, AM, FM, TV dxing and also shortwave radio. You will find information on all types of radio listening and also tips to help you join in on the fun too! Sporadic E alerts will also be updated regularly. Anyone near the Montreal, Quebec, Canada area can visit and try if conditions are right to listen to FM and TV stations many thousand miles away if Sporadic E shows up.

DX FM

http://www.dxfm.com/

VIA Steve & Janice Karlock, Dorval, Quebec

DXing is the art of sifting and straining the airwaves for distant signals.Ê There are many forms of DXing, including AM broadcast band, shortwave, FM broadcast band, and even TV DXing, to name a few. Always, the goal is to pick up stations from as far away as you can.
This web site is devoted to TV and FM broadcast band DXing.Ê Impossible?Ê Not at all!Ê When the right conditions exist, it's entirely possible to see and hear TV and FM broadcast stations from 1,500 miles away or more!ÊÊÊÊ

RADIOING.COM

http://www.radioing.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This is a website dedicated to traditional amateur radio values and spirit. There are numerous subsections dealing with vintage equipment, space radio, virtual museums, and lots more.

E-QSL

http://www.eqsl.cc

VIA Gilbert Fontaine, Sherbrooke, Quebec

The purpose of eQSL.cc is to provide an electronic QSL card exchange for amateur radio operators and SWLs around the world.

NETS TO YOU

http://www.w4uvh.net/nets2you.html

VIA Glenn Hauser, Enid, Oklahoma

This page, compiled by John Norfolk, is a list of mostly English language U.S. and Canadian Amateur radio voice nets on frequencies below 30000 kHz. There is also an extensive listing included of references and net links on related subjects. This list is updated monthly and is presented by Glenn Hauser's World of Radio

FRS INFORMATION CENTER

http://www.f-r-s.org/homepage.htm

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The creator and sponsors of this site are dedicated to creating reliable radio communications on F-R-S [Family Radio Service], and support organizations in their efforts to designate F-R-S "Channel 1" as the National Call ChannelÊin addition to highlighting the potential viability of F-R-S during local emergencies or disasters.

DAVID GLEASON'S LATIN AMERICAN RADIO PHOTOS

http://www.davidgleason.com/Radio%20Photos.htm

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This is an excellent collection of vintage photographs taken at various radio station studios, transmitter sites, etc. in Latin America.

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KIWA ELECTRONICS

Kiwa Electronics is a company that specializes in accessory equipment for the radio enthusiast. Their products include Filter Modules to improve receiver performance, a High Performance Medium Wave Air Core Loop Antenna for improved broadcast band reception, the Pocket Loop Antenna, the Earth Monitor, BCB Rejection Filter and Broadband and SW Preamps. They also offer numerous performance upgrades for popular receivers. For more details on truly unique line of equipment, please visit their web page at:

http://www.kiwa.com/

Kiwa Electronics products are available from Radio HF. Please contact Radio HF for pricing and availability.

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THE GENERAL ZONE

2004 OLYMPIC GAMES

http://www.athens2004.com/athens2004/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The world will be watching as athletes from around the world return to Greece for the 2004 Summer Olympic Games. This is the official webpage for the event.

CICLOPS-CASSINI IMAGING CENTRAL LABORATORY FOR OPERATIONS

http://ciclops.lpl.arizona.edu/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Through this website you can follow all the latest developments with Man's latest encounter with the planet Saturn and its collection of moons and satellites.

THE 2004 TRANSIT OF VENUS

http://science.nasa.gov/spaceweather/venustransit/gallery_08jun04.htm

VIA Eric Wolfe, Lebanon, Pennsylvania

In case you missed the real thing early in June, as Venus crossed the face of the Sun, here is an excellent collection of information and photographs of the event.

BRIGHT MATH CAMP

http://www.ncf.ca/~au680/index.htm

VIA Helene Desrosiers-Gregoire, Ottawa, Ontario

It is always encouraging to see unique projects and undertakings organized for children today. Here are the details of a project based in Ottawa, Ontario.
Now in its thirteenth summer in Ottawa, the Bright Math Camp represents a unique out-of-school learning opportunity for children with a drive to explore, to question, to reason, and to discuss a range of sound mathematical topics.Ê These topics, demonstrably well suited to children's level and interests, derive from areas apart from the mainstream of school mathematics, and are introduced and developed from first principles.Ê Our most successful topics have related numbers and numeration, arithmetic operations, number theory, combinatorics, informal geometry, probability and statistics, non-routine problem solving, and recreational cryptography.

MAKE TRADE FAIR

http://www.maketradefair.com

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Did you know thatÊevery time you buy something made or grown in a developing country, you take part in a billion dollar scam? As it works today, the global trading system rips off people who are already poor. Maketradefair.com gives a voice to the farmers, labourers, and factory workers who are being cheated by the blatantly unfair rules of world trade. And it gives a voice to you, the consumer, if you want to join them in the call to end exploitation and make trade fair.

UNDERCITY

http://www.undercity.org/

VIA Yahoo Weekly Picks

If you think you've seen everything New York City has to offer, photographer Steve Duncan might suggest you dig a little deeper. Coining himself "a guerrilla historian in Gotham," Duncan takes his camera underground and to unknown sites in New York and captures them in this celebration of the city. In the photos section, explore the haunting tunnels of Atlantic Avenue and East New York, delve into the underbelly of Grand Central Station, or witness the site of the 1964 World's Fair as it is today. If the visuals don't fascinate you, the stories and research will. They provide facets of history and essays about the city, as well as tips

and tricks on how to experience your own urban adventure.

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NEW FROM THE A.R.R.L. & THE R.S.G.B.:

VHF PROPAGATION - A Practical Guide for Radio Amateurs
by Ken Neubeck, WB2AMU & Gordon West, WB6NOA
Thousands of hams operate VHF, and nobody told them about VHF propagation...until now! Finally, a comprehensive source-book on upper band propagation. Here's a sampling of what you'll find inside this practical guide: Tropo Ducting, Aurora, Meteor Scatter, Sporadic-E, TEP, F2 Propagation, Combo Modes. Excellent coverage of 6 meter propagation, too! 2004, published by CQ Communications, Inc.
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THE FUN & SERVICES ZONE

CONEY ISLAND USA

http://www.coneyislandusa.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

I was just a kid the last time I visited Coney Island; some 40 years ago or so. At that time, in the mid 60s, it was a pretty overwhelming and impressive site. Today, as detailed on this web page, Coney Island continues to roll along. Be sure to check out the Side Show and the Museum pages.

THE ROLLER COASTER DATABASE

http://www.rcdb.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This is a comprehensive, searchable database with information and statistics on over 1700 roller coasters throughout the world.

ANTI-PHISHING WORKING GROUP

http://www.antiphishing.org/

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

Phishing attacks use 'spoofed' e-mails and fraudulent websites designed to fool recipients into divulging personal financial data such as credit card numbers, account usernames and passwords, social security numbers, etc. By hijacking the trusted brands of well-known banks, online retailers and credit card companies, phishers are able to convince up to 5% of recipients to respond to them. This group addresses this growing problem.

10 FOODS YOU SHOULD NEVER EAT!

http://www.cspinet.org/nah/10foods_bad.html

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

So, how many of these products have you enjoyed over the years?

PAPER AIRPLANE FLIGHT SIMULATOR

http://www.workmanweb.com/fliersclub/simulator2.html

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

You should have some fun trying to master this little gem!

LONELY SOCKS

http://www.lonelysocks.co.uk/

VIA Eddie Janusz, Stonington, New Jersey

Have you ever rifled through your socks drawer to find only three socks. One green, one blue and the other yellow? Where did the other one go? Unfortunately these lonely socks are usually thrown away like a piece of rubbish. We're all too embarrassed to walk into Marks and Spencer (other sock retailers are available) and ask for one sock. This is the true motivation behind the site. To reunite socks with their long lost partners. Maybe Rob from Pontypridd lost a sock with a white stripe around it while Sarah in Cowdenbeath lost exactly the same sock. They both have a lonely sock. These socks should be united with a sock of their own kind. This is what we intend to do. It's a tall order but with your help we feel it is possible.

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THE HAMFEST/FLEAMARKET AND SPECIAL EVENTS ZONE

Each month we list upcoming events, including
hamfests, predominantly in Canada. NOTE: All times quoted are local.
(Compiled by Vernon Ikeda VE2MBS, Pierrefonds, Quebec, and Radio Amateurs of Canada)

Friday, July 9 - Sunday, July 11
40th Annual International Ham Fest - Boissevain,
Manitoba
Location: International Peace Garden, between
Boissevain, Manitoba and Dunseith, North Dakota

Registration begins Friday, July 9 at 6 PM and the registration fee is $13.00 per person at par.
Talk-in: VE4IHF/W0 146.850 (-)
Information: David Syndal, VE4XN at (204)-728-2463 or
E-mail: dsnydal@mb.sympatico.ca
Web page: http://www.mts.net/~holderr

Saturday, July 10
Ontario Hamfest 2004 - Milton Ontario
Location: Milton Agricultural Fairgrounds, Milton ON
Time: Inside Vendors: 7 AM - Robert Street Gate only
Tailgaters: 8 AM - Robert Street gate only
General Public: 9 AM - Thomas St gate only.
Talk-in: 146.520 Simplex
E-mail: ve3czi@rac.ca
Web Page: http://home.cogeco.ca/~barc

Saturday, July 10
Prince Edward Island Amateur Radio Fleamarket -
Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island
Location: Charlottetown Flying Club building on Brackley Point Road (Route #15)
Time: Vendors 8 AM; Public 10 AM
Talk-in: VY2PEI - 145.150 (-)
Admission: $3.00 - Tables $5.00
Reservations and information: Bill Elliot, VY2FF at
vy2ff@summersidearc.com or Rodney Mann at vy2cga@rac.ca
Web page: http://www.summersidearc.com

Saturday, July 17
NPARC 1st Annual Tailgate Hamfest & Auction - Thorold, Ontario
Location: Basil Reid Park, 699 Allanburg Road, Thorold, Ontario
Times: Gates open from 8 AM until 1 pm
Cost: $5 per person, under 16 free.
Talk-in: VE3NRS 147.240 (+)
Information: Dave Wilson VE3BBN at
(905)-262-5588 or by email at ve3bbn@vaxxine.com

Saturday, August 7
Hamfest de ARES (St. Romuald Hamfest) - St. Romuald,
QuŽbec
Location: Arena St. Romuald, St. Romuald, QC
Vendors 6 AM - General Admission 9 AM 3 PM
Admission $5.00 - Tables $15.00 Talk-in: VE2RAG 145.450 (-)
Information/reservations: Pierre Racine,
E-mail: ve2coh@sympatico.ca TEL: 418-527-8680
Serge Berube, ve2bpu@sympatico.ca TEL: 418-839-4846
Fax: 418-839-3532
Web Page: http://www.aresqc.org/hamfest2004.htm
RADIO HF WILL BE THERE

Friday, August 20 - Saturday, August 21
10th Annual MARMFEST (Manitoba Amateur Radio Museum
Hamfest) - Austin, Manitoba
Location: The Heritage Building on the grounds of The Manitoba Agricultural Museum, 75 miles west of Winnipeg then south 1 mile on highway #34 or 50 miles east of Brandon then south 1 mile on #34
Friday Registration: 16h00-20h00
Saturday Registration: 08h30-13h00

Flea Market - Vendors 10h30 - public at 11h30
Registration $6 - Flea market tables $5
Talk-in: VE4MTR 146.910 (-)
Information: David Syndal, VE4XN at (204)-728-2463 or
E-mail: dsnydal@mb.sympatico.ca
Web page: http://www.mts.net/~dsnydal/austin.html

Saturday, August 21
Brantford Amateur Radio Club Hamfest - Burford, Ontario
Location: Burford Fair Grounds, Park Avenue, South of
Highway 53 (County Road 253), Burford, Ontario
Vendors 7:30; General Admission at 9 AM to 3 PM
Tables: T.B.A. - Tailgaters: T.B.A.
General Admission: T.B.A. Talk-in: VE3TCR 147.150 (+)
Information: Ken Dobson at 519-757-7291
E-mail: ken@dobson.com
Web page: http://comdir.bfree.on.ca/ve3ba/

Saturday, August 28
Victoria-Haliburton ARA Hamfest 2003 - Manvers Township, Ontario
Location: Manvers Arena, Corner of Hwy. 35 & 7A (20 km south of Lindsay, Ontario and 35 km north of Newcastle, Ontario).
Times: Vendors 7 AM; Tailgaters and Public 9 AM
Admission $5.00 Vendor Tables $10 includes 1 admission, Tailgaters $5 includes 1 admission
Talk-in: VE3LNZ 147.195 (+)
Information E-mail: ve3lnz@rac.ca
or Mark at (705)-799-6959
Web page: http://www.va3kvd.ca/vhara/hamfest.htm

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THE RESOURCES ZONE

The following is a listing of clubs, groups, and radio broadcasts that I am actively involved in.

THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DX CLUB

CIDX is Canada's national radio monitoring club, serving radio hobbyists since 1962, entering our 42nd year of operation. Our monthly newsletter,
Messenger, covers all aspects of the radio monitoring hobby. Our July 2004 edition is now available. Sample copies are available for $2 each, in Canada or the U.S., or $3 overseas. Membership is open to radio hobbyists worldwide. Visit the CIDX web site for complete information, as well as special features and web site profiles, or for a membership application.

http://www.anarc.org/cidx/

THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO REPORT

The International Radio Report, on CKUT-FM Radio McGill, 90.3 FM in Montreal, is available via the Internet on RealAudio, live streaming, and on the airwaves of CKUT, Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM Eastern (1430 UTC). The show's new co-hosts, Janice and Steve Karlock, present a weekly half-hour of news, information and developments in radio broadcasting. Visit the Radio McGill web page for full CKUT programming:

http://www.ckut.ca

You may listen to archived editions of the programme through the Radio McGill web site, and thanks to the initiative of Ricky Leong, of Brossard, Quebec, you can find the most recent edition of the programme archived at:

http://members.fortunecity.com/crazyaboutradio/

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